(b) whether Government have any plans to set up agro industries in the areas surrounding Delhi and in the States of Haryana, U.P. and Rajasthan, to create a network of food processing, packaging, grading, transportation, finance and marketing, to help the growers and producers; if not, whether Government propose to have integrated development plans to develop this infrastructure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) and (b) Ministry of Agriculture encourages development of Horticulture in different States of the Country. National Horticulture Board under its soft-loan schemes is providing financial assistance for creation of infrastructure and marketing facilities such as, for components relating to grading, packaging: cold stores, etc., for various Horticulture produces. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries, under its Plan Schemes, is providing assistance to State Government Organisations/ Cooperatives/Voluntary Agencies etc., for setting up/upgrading food processing industries.

**Permission for deep-sea fishing**

1330. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have granted permission for deep-sea fishing; if so, what are the details of the scheme and offers received from the foreign and Indian companies and action taken thereon;

(b) what are the details of the main recommendations made by the Technical Committee, Bose Committee and FAO Committee on deep-sea fishing and how far these recommendations have been followed in approving the joint venture scheme;

(c) whether Government have received any representations form Fishermen's Associations from Gujarat and other coastal areas; if so, what are their main demands and what action the Government have taken or propose to take thereon;

(d) to what extent the joint venture scheme will affect the supply of fish in the open market;

(e) to what extent the scheme will throw open our traditional fishermen and small operators out of occupation and what steps have been taken of safeguard their interests and how Government propose to help them; and

(f) whether the scheme will virtually throw open our entire marine wealth and coastal area; if so, what surveillance, security and monitoring mechanism is proposed to be evolved to protect our interests and security and also to check smuggling activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) No proposal has been received from the foreign companies for deep sea fishing in Indian waters. Permission has been given for operation of deep sea fishing vessels to Indian companies under the schemes of joint ventures, Leasing and Test Fishing, on the basis of applications conforming to these guidelines.

(b) The reports of the Technical Committee and the FAO Experts on deep sea fishing, were received after the policy of joint ventures had been announced. These could not therefore be taken into consideration while formulating the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy. The New Deep Sea Fishing Policy was formulated on the

basis of all the available information, data and expert advice, available with the Government at that time. The recommendations made by the Bose Committee, which included the whole subject of fisheries, whether inland or marine, were only a part of the data bank available with the Government at that time and these recommendations did not specifically form the basis of the New Deep Sea Fishing Policy.

(c) The Fishermen's Associations of Gujarat and other coastal States expressed apprehensions that the operation of the deep sea fishing vessels under joint venture would affect their fishing operations in coastal areas adversely. They demanded that deep sea fishing vessels should be allowed to fish only beyond 24 nautical miles from the shore They also demanded the cancellation of permissions given under the deep sea fishing policy, among other things. An Expert Committee constituted by the Government in this regard has found that the operation of deep sea fishing vessels has not affected the traditional fishermen adversely. However, Government has decided not to process any new applications for deep sea fishing till the whole policy is reviewed.

(d) The catch from the vessels operated under joint venture is about 30,000 MTs p.a. as against the present marine fish production of about 27 lakh tonnes. Out of this about 2.25 lakh tonnes is exported and the rest is available for the domestic market.

(e) The Government has constituted a Committee to make recommendations for review of the Deep Sea Fishing Policy by taking into account all the available information on the subject.

(f) Deep Sea fishing vessels under foreign flag are allowed to operate only beyond 12 nautical miles on the East Coast and 24 nautical miles on the West Coast. Coast Guard is responsible for surveillance, security and other aspects of the operation of deep sea fishing vessels under foreign flag.

**Reservation of seats for Higher Education in Uttarakhand**

1331. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that reservations of seats for higher education are being given for students from Uttrakhand areas in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Department of Education has not issued any instructions to the University Grants Commission for reservation for students from the Uttarakhand region. According to the guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission, Central Universities are required to adhere to the Government policy on reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in matters of:—

(i) admission to various courses;

(ii) hostel accommodation; and

(iii) recruitment to teaching posts (upto lecturers) and non-teaching postst upto the level equivalent to Group-A posts in the Government.

**Supreme Court diretion for investigation of crimes**

1332. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has directed the Union and the State